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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HIGH SIERRA HIKERS ASSOCIATION,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE  
INTERIOR, et al.,  
  
Defendants.

Case No. CV-09-4621-RS

STIPULATION TO SETTLE  
PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM FOR  
ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS,  
AND OTHER EXPENSES AND  
~~PROPOSED ORDER~~

JUDGE: HONORABLE  
RICHARD SEEBORG

Courtroom: 3, 17th Floor

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2 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2012, the Plaintiff High Sierra Hikers Association (High  
3 Sierra) filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Other Expenses Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
4 2412,

5 WHEREAS, High Sierra and the Defendants, United States of the Interior, et al., have  
6 reached an agreement to settle High Sierra's claim for attorneys' fees, costs, and other expenses,  
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8 NOW, THEREFORE, High Sierra and the Defendants hereby agree and stipulate as  
9 follows:

10 1. The Defendants agree to settle High Sierra's claim for attorneys' fees, costs, and  
11 other expenses of litigation for \$280,000, which shall be paid by the National Park Service from  
12 appropriated funds.

13 2. Payment, as identified in Paragraph 1 above, shall be accomplished by electronic  
14 funds transfer to the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP, 425 Market Street, San Francisco,  
15 California 94105, counsel for High Sierra. Undersigned counsel for High Sierra shall provide to  
16 the undersigned counsel for the Defendants the appropriate account number and any other  
17 information needed to make payment. The Defendants shall submit the necessary paperwork for  
18 payment to the appropriate National Park Service authorities within thirty (30) business days after  
19 this Stipulation is entered into or after counsel for High Sierra provides the information required  
20 to facilitate the payment, whichever is later. High Sierra's attorneys shall notify the Defendants'  
21 attorneys when payment is received. The National Park Service shall make all reasonable efforts  
22 to make payment within forty-five (45) days after receipt of High Sierra's bank account and  
23 routing number.

24 3. High Sierra agrees to the procedure outlined in Paragraph 2 above. High Sierra  
25 and its attorneys agree to hold harmless the Defendants in any litigation, further suit, or claim  
26 arising from payment of the agreed-upon \$280,000 settlement amount pursuant to Paragraph 2.  
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2 4. High Sierra agrees to accept payment of \$280,000 in full satisfaction of any and all  
3 claims for attorneys' fees, costs, and other expenses incurred in the above-captioned litigation  
4 through the date of the filing of this Stipulation. Upon receipt of payment of the agreed-upon  
5 \$280,000 settlement amount pursuant to Paragraph 2, High Sierra will withdraw its Motion for  
6 Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Other Expenses.  
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8 5. This Stipulation is the result of compromise and settlement, and it is based on and  
9 limited solely to the facts involved in this case. This Stipulation does not represent an admission  
10 by any Party to any fact, claim, or defense concerning any issue in this case.

11 6. Nothing in this Stipulation shall be interpreted as, or shall constitute, a requirement  
12 that the Defendants are obligated to pay any funds exceeding those available, or take any action in  
13 contravention of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341, or any other applicable provision of  
14 federal appropriations law. If, however, Defendants fail to make full payment of the agreed-upon  
15 \$280,000 settlement amount pursuant to Paragraph 2 within forty-five (45) days after this  
16 Stipulation is entered, High Sierra has the right to renounce its Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs,  
17 and Other Expenses for judicial determination.  
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19 7. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties to this  
20 Stipulation, and all previous understandings, agreements, and communications prior to the date  
21 hereof, whether express or implied, oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this  
22 Stipulation, are fully and completely extinguished and superseded by this Stipulation. This  
23 Stipulation may be modified upon mutual written consent of the parties and the Court's approval  
24 of a joint stipulation to modify this Stipulation.  
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26 8. The undersigned representatives of High Sierra and the Defendants certify that  
27 they are fully authorized by the respective Parties which they represent to enter into the terms and  
28 conditions of this Stipulation and legally to bind such Parties to the Stipulation.

9. The provisions of this Stipulation shall apply to and be binding upon each of the Parties, including, but not limited to, their current and/or former officers, directors, servants, employees, successors, and assigns.

10. Nothing in the terms of the Stipulation shall be construed to limit or deny the authority of a federal official to promulgate or amend regulations.

11. This Stipulation represents the entirety of the undersigned Parties' commitments with regard to settlement of High Sierra's claim for attorneys' fees, costs, and other expenses of litigation. The terms of this agreement shall become effective upon approval by the Court of this Stipulation.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND SO STIPULATED.

Dated: March 4, 2013

BARBARA N. BARATH  
MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP

By: /s/ *Barbara Barath* [as authorized]  
Barbara Barath, Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: March 4, 2013

CHARLES R. SHOCKEY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

By: /s/ *Charles R. Shockey*  
Charles R. Shockey, Attorney for Defendants

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS  
SO ORDERED.

BY:



Dated: 3/5/13

HONORABLE RICHARD SEEBORG  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE